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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write you today to support the Microsoft settlement. This settlement agreement contains provisions that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit. After three years of needless lawyers and testimony, and another three months of intense negotiations with a court appointed moderator, this settlement has been reached and should be implemented.

The provisions of the agreement include requirements for Microsoft to dramatically change its business practices and to become accountable to the government and the industry. One of the most significant developments in the case is Microsofts agreement to license its intellectual property to competitors. The provision requires Microsoft to license that intellectual property, instead of prohibit the other company from using it. To ensure accountability and compliance with this settlement, Microsoft has agreed to submit its business practices and engineering to a three person, government appointed technical committee

These provisions, among others, will serve to increase competition and foster innovation inside the technology industry. I support the settlement, and want the country to move

forward.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Polini

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